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MILK PRODUCTION

MINNESOTA'S OCTOBER MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT

October 2005 milk production totaled 662 million pounds in Minnesota, up 1 percent from the 656 million pounds produced in October 2004, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. September milk output at 646 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,470 pounds in October 2005, up 45 pounds from last October. The September rate at 1,435 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during October 2005 was 450,000 head, the same as September, but down 10,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 10 months of 2005 was 6.86 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during October 2005 totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from October 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised September production for the 23 states was 13.0 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,636 pounds during October 2005, up 53 pounds from October 2004. Revised September output per cow was 1,594 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during October averaged 8.16 million head, up 58,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 10 months of 2005 was 135 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Oct 2004	Sep 2005 Rev.	Oct 2005	Oct 2004	Sep 2005 Rev.	Oct 2005	Oct 2004	Sep 2005 Rev.	Oct 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
CA	1,740	1,765	1,770	1,770	1,745	1,780	3,080	3,080	3,151	102
ID	434	469	470	1,800	1,850	1,880	781	868	884	113
MN	460	450	450	1,425	1,435	1,470	656	646	662	101
NY	653	649	650	1,470	1,515	1,550	960	983	1,008	105
PA	563	561	558	1,465	1,500	1,550	825	842	865	105
WI	1,238	1,237	1,237	1,475	1,510	1,535	1,826	1,868	1,899	104
23 States	8,103	8,157	8,161	1,583	1,594	1,636	12,824	13,005	13,353	104